

Abstract

The present invention provides the use of PEG-IFN- $\alpha$  conjugates in association with ribavirin for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infections.

- 5 The present invention also provides a method for treating chronic hepatitis C infections in patients in need of such treating comprising administering an amount of PEG-IFN- $\alpha$  conjugate in association with an amount of ribavirin effective to treat hepatitis C.

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